



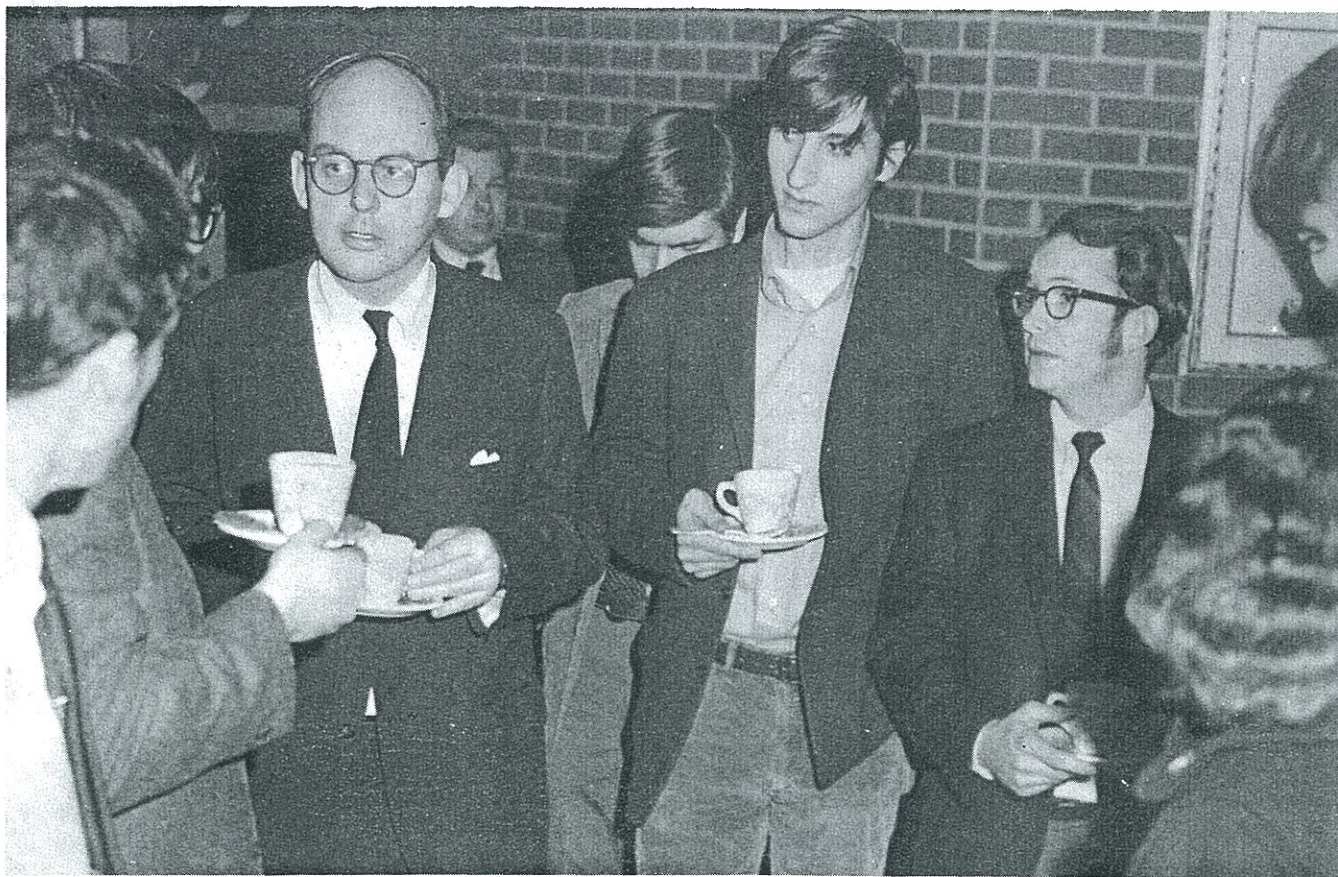
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Illinois State Treasurer, Adlai Stevenson III chats informally with students following his address on the Shimer Campus Thursday, February 20. Stevenson spoke in the Karyn Kupcinec Playhouse as a part of the Distinguished Guest series initiated for the first time this semester.

Shimer Hosts Distinguished Guests

The Distinguished Guest Series at Shimer College continued with the March 6 appearance of Dr. Robert Marsh, music critic for the Chicago Sun-Times. Marsh, who received his doctorate from Harvard University, has taught and lectured widely and is the author of several books. He spent two days at Shimer, talking informally with interested students in classes and groups.

First of Shimer's guests this Spring were Paul Simon, Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, who visited the campus February 13, and Illinois State Treasurer Adlai Stevenson III, who was here February 20. Both are young men, usually associated

with the more independent segment of the state democratic party. They spoke of the people's growing sense of alienation from their government, and emphasized the need for party reform, greater involvement of the average person in public affairs, and increased responsiveness of politicians to the needs of the people. Questions from the audience touched on a variety of topics, notably corruption in government and the Illinois financial situation, including the proposed state income tax law, which both men favor.

Also to participate in the series of Thursday visits are congressman Donald Rumsfeld, who will appear March 13; Circuit Judge David Canel, who will be

here March 20; and James Holderman, Associate Chancellor of Circle Campus, University of Illinois, scheduled to speak on March 27. Other prominent figures will be Jacob Burck, sculptor, painter and Pulitzer prize winning cartoonist, appearing April 10, Sister Mary Olivia, former president of St. Xavier College and now a staff member of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations, who will be on campus April 17, and Richard Lewis, managing editor of *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* and syndicated writer on space, who plans an April 24 visit.

The public is invited to attend all formal appearances of the visiting speakers.

In Service

William R. Eissler, AB '68, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy August 16, 1968, was selected Honorman of his company and received a Certificate of Honor and engraved plaque at Recruit graduation ceremonies October 11 at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. The selection is based on individual performance of duty in all phases of basic training, including leadership, initiative, military bearing, sportsmanship, response to orders, general cleanliness, qualifications of a good shipmate and high overall scholastic standing.

Lance Corporal Benjamin M. Bixby, '62, was cited for gallantry in Vietnam and was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. Corporal Bixby was cited for exhibiting outstanding talent while carrying out his duty under violent enemy fire in keeping in communication with friendly unit near Hue, Vietnam. A radio telephone operator, Corporal Bixby is now serving with the Marines in the Mediterranean area.

Steven M. Zitnick, AB '66, was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army May 14, 1968 and was assigned as an instructor in the Ranger training command at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Ranger department trains the Army's elite troops and gives selected instruction to officer candidates. Among Lt. Zitnick's students were Mark Sheldon, AB '68, Stephen Visher, AB '67, and Robert Stein, AB '67. In September Lt. Zitnick and his wife (Janet Hamill, AB '67) moved to Fort Wolters, Texas where Steve began flight school.

Robin Rapport, '66, is stationed with the U. S. Navy at Orlando, Florida.

Frederic S. Hewitt, '67, is in the Army, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Deaths

Pearl Graham Ely, class of 1898, died Sept. 21, 1968 in Brookfield, aged 87. She was a cousin of the late A. Beth Hostetter.

Jeanne Boyd, '11, noted composer and musician, died Aug. 8, 1968 in Jonesboro, Ark. A staff member of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago for over 50 years, Miss Boyd was the 1965 recipient of Shimer's Distinguished Alumni Award in the humanities.

Lois Wertz Johnson, '23, of Kankakee died Oct. 2, 1968. Daughter of a pioneer Kankakee family, she was active in many civic groups. Surviving are her husband, Blaine, two daughters, two sons and nine grandchildren.

Financial Aid Program

By Richard Klemm
Financial Aid Officer

1. Shimer College's Financial Aid Program is provided to assist its students in achieving their educational goals. Its purpose is to remove financial obstacles which may prevent qualified students from attending the College. Thus, the personal financial needs of each student who requests aid are reviewed with this aim in mind. Reliance on the financial information provided by the family of the student applicant, the student's own application for assistance, and the academic potential and performance of the student permits the financial aid officer to determine the best forms of aid for that student.

2. Scholarships, service grants, early entrant grants, and Federal Student Aid programs are directly administered by Shimer College. In any award to qualified students several different types of aid are packaged. All awards of financial aid—except scholarships—are based upon financial need. Financial need is the difference in the costs of attending Shimer College for one academic year and the money the student and his parents are able to contribute.

3. The College uses the procedures of College Scholarship Service in determining the expected family contribution to education. In addition, Shimer College requires the completion of its own Financial Aid Application form.

4. Service grants are a combination of outright grant and work assignment. The work assignment will usually range from eight to ten hours per week with maximum earnings of \$420 during the academic year. The outright grant will vary from a minimum of \$200 to a maximum of \$800. A student's eligibility for the service grant is based on campus residence, academic standing, and demonstration of financial need.

5. Students who are admitted as Early Entrants will be awarded special grants

in the form of a loan for the first two years of enrollment. Upon graduation from Shimer College the loan provision will be cancelled. No work assignment is tendered during the first year of this grant, thus enabling full attention to be given by the individual to his studies. The maximum award available is \$800.

6. Shimer College is responsible for the administration to two Federal Student Aid programs—the National Defense Student Loan program and the Economic Opportunity Grant program. The money for these two programs is received under authorization of the United States Office of Education. The National Defense Student Loan program (90% Federal and 10% Shimer College funds) makes loans of up to \$1000 per academic year available to needy students who are pursuing a degree program. The provisions of the loan program include a ten-year repayment period starting after the individual ceases being at least a half-time student and repayment of the loan at 3% simple interest.

7. The Economic Opportunity Grant program is available to individuals of deprived social and economic backgrounds. Limitations on family earnings and ability to contribute to educational expenses are prescribed by law. Those students who can establish eligibility for aid within the program may receive a maximum of \$1000 in direct grant aid per academic year.

8. Additional loan funds are available through the student's state guaranteed loan program. These loans are granted to the individual through his own local bank. Normally, loans may be granted up to a maximum of \$1000.

9. Illinois residents are fortunate, for their state provides two programs of gift aid. The Illinois State Scholarship Commission administers both the Scholarship program and the Grant program with maximum awards of \$1200 available on a need basis.

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Higher Education and the Active Mind

Denis Cowan, Dean of Faculty
Shimer College

Higher education relies upon the active mind. The active mind is sharpened in the exchange of ideas. Therefore, a college should encourage the active mind to engage with ideas.

College is a place where ideas come together. Ideas are not confined to immediate experience. Therefore, colleges should bring together ideas from the whole human adventure.

The encouragement of the mind and the gathering of ideas are the shared endeavors of the students and the faculty. That one is more experienced than the other merely assures us that the voices of other minds than those actually present are heard and heard well. Thus the ideas of Thucydides, Shakespeare, Galileo, and Kant can be present and examined along with our own.

Shimer College presents a curriculum wherein ideas are introduced, discovered, and criticized. To introduce ideas the faculty chooses very carefully some original writings which, in their considered judgment, satisfactorily engage with the kinds of knowledge that occupy our sustained attention. Choices change as options present themselves and as the faculty reflect upon the changing significance of subject matter in the relevant

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world at large. But freedom so to choose, with the concurrence of colleagues, is a guarantee to the teacher and the learner that what is introduced is not the choice of non-academic agencies, be they political, administrative, or religious. This guarantee is sheltered at Shimer College, but the choices of course material are not exempt from challenge by students and by faculty themselves. Such challenge may emerge in the whole context of the introduction, discovery, and criticism of ideas.

Discovery occurs best within a mode of inquiry. There is a heavy reliance at Shimer College upon the mode of inquiry generated by discussion. Discussion presumes a willingness to center the discussion upon particular ideas, and particular ideas are introduced from readings. Thus preparation for discussion requires considerable reading before class in order that the deliberations may be substantive. At Shimer College students are expected to read at least five or six hours every day of the week. With such an intake of ideas and data

the discovery of fresh ideas and insights is induced. Discovery is the satisfaction of the inquiring mind, and its freshness is not a measure of its newness. Old ideas may be rediscovered or discovered to be other than what some presumed them to be.

Criticism is the application of one set of ideas to another, thereby exposing weakness or strength in one of them in terms of the other. Criticism may be tentative or audacious, and the result of criticism may be sportive or definitive, but the atmosphere in which criticism is conducted is crucial to the outcome. Scholarly criticism depends upon investigation and reflection, and Shimer College recognizes that if criticism is to be effective there must be opportunity to establish critical modes outside of the classroom discussion. Therefore, examinations and theme writing are essential elements of the educational experience. Within the writing program and the examinations the student faces the task of supporting his discovered ideas and critical conclusions with reasoned reflection.

To enclose these volatile conditions within a fixed pattern of general courses is Shimer's concern. The pattern has three levels. The six basic courses are concerned with the development of the skills of analysis, of logic, and of rhetoric to the end that art, science, and society can be approached as intellectual and affective experiences. The remaining seven area courses broaden the base of information and investigative method within the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. The three integrative courses and the foreign language requirements expect some historical and philosophical principles to emerge as ways of understanding the nature of man.

The demonstration by the student that something significant has happened to his own development is not limited to courses and their examinations. Comprehensive examinations at these three levels present relevant but fresh material to be prepared independently by the student. The result is that a student at Shimer learns to function intellectually both in and out of class-room situations.

New Painting Club

A small group of students who share a common interest in painting have formed a painting club this semester. Formal organization as a club entitles them to have an assigned room in which to work, and allows students to return to an unfinished project without having to pack and unpack painting supplies at the beginning and end of each painting session.



GEORGE W. BUTLER

Butler Elected To Shimer Board

A prominent Chicago business executive, George W. Butler, president of Butler Products Company, River Forest, was elected recently to the board of trustees of Shimer College.

Butler, who resides with his wife Gladys at 1316 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, founded the former Unistrut Products Company in 1946.

He is on the board of directors of both the Unistrut Corporation and the Mercantile National Bank of Chicago. He also is a trustee of Mary Thompson Hospital in Chicago. Alice Lloyd College in Kentucky and secretary of the West Central Association of Chicago.

He is a member of the Medinah Shrine, the Rotary Club of Chicago, the Lake Shore Club of Chicago, the Swedish Club of Chicago and the Medinah and Oak Park country clubs.

Born in Petoskey, Michigan in 1903, Butler began his career as a salesman for the Economy Fuse and Manufacturing Company of Chicago. He later joined the Republic Steel Corporation and became manager of sales of the Conduit Division. Resigning from that position in 1937, he went into business for himself as a manufacturers representative for electrical items until the formation of his own company.

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CLASS NOTES

'55 Rev. Bernard Panczuk, OSBM (Joseph Michael Panczuk) is director of a Catholic laymen's retreat house on Long Island.

'57 Steven M. Fishkin, AB, received a Ph.D. in experimental psychology June 7, 1968 from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He and his wife (Anne Pollack, AB '58) and their two daughters live in Oklahoma City where Steve is working at the VA hospital as an associate research psychologist. He also teaches at the University of Oklahoma Medical School in their program of biopsychology.

'59 Patricia Conklin Peterson and her husband, James, both received Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin June 10, 1968. Pat's major field was English literature, and her husband's was meteorology. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio where Jim is employed by the National Center for Air Pollution Control.

'62 Phyllis Martin Minnick, AB, is coordinator in a new vocational program for two suburban Chicago high schools, Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park. Her husband, Robert, is manager of Goldblatt's State and VanBuren store.

Michael Vosse is manager of the Van Nuys, Calif. Montgomery Ward store.

'63 Jan Maher Ackerman received her BA degree from The New School College in New York. She has done some acting but is primarily involved in producing.

Daniel R. Natale, AB, received a master's degree in education from the University of Iowa Aug. 7, 1968.

'64 Clair Heyer, AB, is an archivist on the staff of the Herbert Hoover Memorial Library and Museum, West Liberty, Iowa.

Philip Bain, AB, is principal of a junior high school in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He completed his master's degree in that area in 1967. He and his wife (Catherine Hoebel, AB '64) moved to Mount Vernon from Antioch last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Blaine (former Saga Food Service manager at Shimer) live near them.

'65 A small scale class reunion was held Sept. 29 at Nashota House Episcopal Seminary. Larry Osterberg, AB, and John Christos, AB, were visiting first year Seminarian Peter Moscinske, '64. Also visiting the Seminary were Rev. Richard Deitch, AB, and Rev. Craig Johnson, AB, both June graduates of Nashota House. Dick is located at a parish in Elgin and Craig at one in Park Ridge. Larry began work on his Ph.D. in history at Northwestern University last fall. John

is a management analyst at the Navy Electronics Supply Office, Great Lakes, Ill.

William J. Goldman, AB, graduated from Suffolk University Law School in June, 1968. Admitted to the New York State Bar in December, he is now associated with a law firm in Rochester.

Alex Veech, AB, (faculty '66) is working at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, France. His work consists of analyzing and constructing computable models of educational systems.

Jack Buchanan, AB, received an MA degree in political science from the University of Mississippi in May, 1968 and accepted a position on the faculty of Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C. He teaches courses in government and political theory.

'66 Mary Dohnalek, AB, is a graduate student at the University of Oregon, Eugene.

'67 James P. Bloch, AB, represented Shimer College as official delegate at the inauguration of Woodrow M. Strickler as president of the University of Louisville Nov. 18, 1968.

'68 Grace Baldwin Letton, AB, was one of 66 members of the fall '68 entering class at Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Robert Powell, AB, was designated a Macy Fellow in the history of medicine and the biological sciences of Duke University, Durham, N. C. July 5, 1968.

Jane Ripley, AB, teaches fifth grade in the Loudoun County, Va. school system. Her engagement to Larry Anderson of Falls Church, Va. was announced in February.

Marriages

Mary Ann Stillman LeRoy, '52, to Samuel A. Reis, June 9, 1968 in Pasadena, Calif.

Ruth Walbridge, '60, to Hideya Suzuki, Oct. 27, 1968 at the Baha'i Center, Tokyo. On Oct. 28 they had a Japanese civil wedding and another ceremony at the U. S. Embassy.

Phyllis Martin Styles, AB '62, to Robert Minnick, Feb. 9, 1968 in Chicago.

Alicia Hayes, AB '64, to Michael Sterling in June, 1966. The Sterlings live in New York City where Mr. Sterling is an attorney.

Sian Lloyd Priest of Surrey, England to John H. Pauley, '64, Sept. 28, 1968. The groom is a Petty Officer 3rd class in the U. S. Navy, and prior to her marriage the bride was a program and make-up assistant for the British Broadcasting Corp.

Karen Anne Fielding, AB '66, to Ron Harbert, June 8, 1968. Karen is a social worker for San Diego County, Calif.

Randal Joy Thompson, '67, to Alex. Veech, AB '65, Dec. 27, 1968 in a civil ceremony in Paris, France.

Patricia Wren, BS '67, to Ambrose Potrzebowski, Aug. 17, 1968 in Atlanta, Georgia. Both the bride and groom are continuing doctoral studies at the University of Pittsburgh.

Paula Sue Eisaman to Peter W. Schroth, AB '66, Sept. 7, 1968 in Union City, Pa.

Bonita Bergman, '67, to Mark P. Sheldon, AB '68, Nov. 17, 1968. They are living at 12711 Orelle Road, Valley Station, Kentucky.

Louise Ripley, AB '68, to Phillip Koper, AB '69, Dec. 21, 1968 in Falls Church, Va. The bride teaches in Mount Carroll elementary school.

Laura Mason, second year Shimer student, to Timothy Towle, AB '68, July 30, 1968. Tim teaches at Milledgeville elementary school.

Deborah deCarlo, '68, to Daniel R. Thompson, third year Shimer student, Aug. 17, 1968.

Ann Jean Linquist, third year Shimer student, to John W. MacDevitt, AB '68, Oct. 12, 1968 in Park Ridge.

Births

Son, Anders, to Tenny and Jane Bosch Lode, '56, January, 1968 in Madison, Wis.

Daughter, Andrea Karin, to James and Patricia Conklin Peterson, '59, June 21, 1968.

Son, David Ray, born June 29, 1968 and adopted in July, 1968 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meddish, AB '60, of Forest Grove, Oregon.

Daughter, Maria Jean, to Robert and Shirley Hall Nowak, AB '64, of Clinton, Iowa, August 21, 1968.

Son to Michael and Alicia Hayes Sterling, AB '64, May, 1968, in New York City.

Daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bower, AB '66, of Thomson, Sept. 29, 1968.

Daughter, Anastasia Lynn (Stacy), to Chandler and Grace Hill McPherson, '66, Jan. 10, 1969 in Miami, Fla.